

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1981 – SB 1966

February 4, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the designations of and qualifications for emergency medical responders (EMR) and emergency medical services – apprentices (EMS-A). Requires EMRs and EMS-As become an emergency medical technician (EMT) within 12 months of their initial employment date. Removes the requirement of specialty endorsements for ambulance personnel.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – \$200/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to this legislation, EMR is a person who has completed training and examinations and may perform lifesaving interventions and assist at the scene and during transport; EMS-A is a person who does not possess an EMS license but meets all other requirements for operating an emergency vehicle.
- The proposed legislation removes the requirement for ambulance personnel to obtain a Class D license with For-Hire Endorsement. A Class D driver license with For-Hire Endorsement has a license cost and application fee of \$4.50 per applicant.
- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of May 2020, there were 440 ambulance drivers and attendants in Tennessee.
- The proposed legislation removes the requirement for a For-Hire Endorsement. Therefore, this would result in a decrease in state revenue of \$1,980 (440 ambulance drivers and attendants x \$4.50 applicant fee) in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- Class D driver licenses are required to be renewed every eight years. Therefore, the loss of decrease of revenue each year is estimated to \$248 (\$1,980 / 8 years).
- For the purposes of this fiscal analysis, it is assumed that the proposed legislation will not significantly impact the number of licensed EMTs. Therefore, any impact on revenue and expenditures to the Emergency Medical Services Board will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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